IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

FRIDAY, THE 29TH JUNE 2007 / 8TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 18917 of 2007(B)

PETITIONER:

P.A.LATHEEF, S/O.MOIDEENKUTTY,
PARUVINGAL VEEDU, ALANGODE P.O. (VIA),
CHANGARAMKULAM, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT OWNER OF THE VEHICLE BEARING REGISTRATION NO. KRZ-3990.

BY ADV. SRI.P.VIJAYA BHANU
SRI.M.GEORGE THOMAS

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

2. THE TAHSILDAR, PONNANI.

3. THE DEPUTY TAHSILDAR (ELECTION), PONNANI TALUK.

4. THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE, KUTTIPPURAM,

5. THE SECRETARY, THAVANUR GAMA PANCHAYATH, THAVANOOR.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 29/06/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

W.P.(C)NO.18917 OF 2007

DATED THIS THE 29th DAY OF JUNE, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioner's vehicle bearing registration No.KRZ-3990 was seized on allegations of transportation of river sand illegally. The seizure was on 15.6.2007. The petitioner submits that final orders have not yet been passed. Therefore, he seeks interim custody of the vehicle pending passing of final orders.

2. I have heard the learned Government pleader also. In the facts and circumstances of the case, there would be a direction to the 1st respondent to give interim custody of the vehicle to the petitioner on his paying an amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees only twenty five thousand only) and furnishing proof of ownership of the vehicle. This is subject to the further condition that the petitioner shall not alienate or otherwise part with possession of the vehicle until final orders are passed.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

S. SIRI JAGAN, JUDGE

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